**Manipulation of stock markets by terrorists groups**

*312. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent statement by the National Security Advisor regarding terrorists groups trying to manipulate stock markets through fictitious companies registered in Middle East;

(b) if so, what safeguards have been taken; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identify and isolate such companies?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The National Security Adviser delivered a speech at the 43rd Munich Conference on Security Policy on February 11, 2007. While recounting the methods employed by terrorist outfits to generate funds, he referred to stock market operations. However, the National Security Council Secretariat has clarified that the speech mentioned about such possibilities and no specific names of companies were indicated.

**Water sharing of inter-state rivers**

*313. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are disputes among the States in sharing of water of inter-State rivers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that river water subject is within the List-II (State List); and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for amending the constitution to bring inter-State river into Union List (List-I)?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As per the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, the water dispute arises among two or more State Governments when the Central Government receives request under Section 3 of the Act from any of the basin States with regard to existence of water

dispute. The details of the present inter-State water disputes under ISRWD Act, 1956 are as follows:

| Sl. No. | River/Rivers | States concerned | Date of Reference to the Central Government | Date of Reference to the Tribunal |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ravi & Beas | Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan | — | April, 1986 |
| 2. | Cauvery | Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry | July, 1986 | June, 1990 |
| 3. | Krishna | Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra | September, 2002-January, 2003 | April, 2004 |
| 4. | Madei/ Mondovi /Mahadayi | Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra | July, 2002 | — |
| 5. | Vansadhara | Andhra Pradesh & Orissa | February, 2006 | — |

In accordance with the said Act, the Central Government is required to refer a dispute to a Tribunal after it is satisfied that the dispute cannot be settled by negotiations. Accordingly, the water disputes related to Cauvery and Krishna were referred to the Tribunals for adjudication in 1990 and 2004 respectively. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) submitted report and decision under section 5(2) ISRWD Act, 1956 on 5.2.2007. The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal passed orders on Interim Relief Applications of the States on 9.6.2006.

The water dispute related to Ravi & Beas was referred to the Ravi & Beas Waters Tribunal in 1986 under Section 14 of the said Act. The Ravi-Beas Waters Tribunal (RBWT) submitted its report on 30.1.1987. Party States and Central Government have sought explanation/guidance under section 5(3) of the Act from the Tribunal. The Tribunal has not submitted its further report to the Government.

In respect of Mahadayi/Mandovi River Water Disputes raised by Government of Goa, the Ministry of Water Resources has come to an opinion that water dispute contained in the request of Government of Goa cannot be settled by negotiation.

In respect of Vansadhara Water Dispute, the Central Government has not concluded so far that the dispute cannot be settled by negotiation.

(b) In this regard, Entry 17 of List II (State List) of the Constitution is given below:

"Water, that is to say, water supplies, irrigation and canals, drainage and embankments, water shortage and water power subject to the provisions of Entry 56 of List-I".

(c) Regulation and development of inter-State rivers is already provided at Entry 56 of List-I (Union List) of the Constitution which is reproduced below:

"Regulation and development of inter-State rivers and river valleys to the extent to which such regulation and development under the control of the Union is declared by Parliament by law, to be expedient in the public interest."

**Bidding for ground handling operations by Al and Indian**

*314. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian are planning to float a Joint Venture (JV) to bid for ground handling operations at newly built airports at Hyderabad, Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Air India and Indian will also associate foreign players in the process; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) It was decided by Air India and Indian Airlines that tender for ground handling at GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL) will be jointly submitted by them. As per the terms of the tender requirement of GHIAL, the Indian Operator or Handling Agent was required to join with an International Ground Handling Agency. All the International Ground Handling Agencies shortlisted by GHIAL. Were considered by Air India/Indian Airlines. From amongst these, Singapore Air Terminal Service (SATS) was selected as a JV partner